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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT: System IX

REFERENCE: Memorandum for OSA/C/OD from
OSA/C/COMMO; same subject; dated
10 September 1962 (IDEA 0886)

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for the approval of the Acting Assistant Director, OSA. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.

2. In view of the information offered in the reference above, System IX must be considered suspect until a further evaluation reveals acceptable proof to the contrary or redesigned (or updated) equipment replaces the present unit.

3. It is apparent that the present area of doubt concerning the safety and effectiveness of subject equipment is unacceptable in our type operation. Therefore, it is requested that immediate efforts be directed toward clearing up the questions concerning our present System IX. This will enable us to discontinue using it if the evaluation so dictates.

4. Upgrading the [] Model 504 appears to offer a greatly increased capability for []. Continued operation with a lesser capability cannot be recommended as a best course of action when values in terms of monetary cost and possible loss consequences are considered. These subjects have been discussed with Mr. [] who agrees that his office can take the action necessary to expedite

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both the immediate answers needed and the longer range updating on System IX.

5. Recommend that:

a. The Communications Division, OSA, be given the action to obtain answers ASAP to the questions of capability and beaconing of the present System IX.

b. The Communications Division, OSA, be authorized to coordinate the necessary actions required in updating and/or redesigning the [] equipment on an urgent priority.

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Lt. Colonel USAF
Chief, Operations Division, OSA

The recommendations contained in paragraph 5. are approved:

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Acting Assistant Director, OSA

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